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Career Expo aims to engage students, community with Tri-State area businesses

By **HANNAH GRAHAM**
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Marshall University's Career Services organized a Career Expo Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in the Don Morris Room. The event was for students and community members to talk with and get involved with local businesses.

Businesses attended from all over the tri-state area to set up tables with informational pamphlets and contact information. Representatives aimed to advertise their business endeavors and provide students with connections for their professional futures. The purpose of the event was to promote West Virginia businesses and showcase student talent.

Jennifer Brown, assistant director for student engagement, said the Career Expo offered many opportunities for Marshall students and tri-state businesses.

"I read a statistic somewhere that 43 people leave West Virginia every day," Brown said. "Opportunities like this help us show how talented our West Virginia students are. They also help keep and create jobs within the state of West Virginia."

Students from all academic departments attended the Career Expo to build connections and seek internships and part-time employment opportunities. A professional photographer was also present to take free, professional headshots of those seeking employment.

Jaclyn Monroe, a junior economics, international affairs and Spanish major, said she came to the Career Expo seeking an internship.

"The Career Expo really allows students to see the job opportunities that are within the Tri-State area," Monroe said. "Opportunities like this also help us as students to work out nerves for when we have to go to actual job interviews in the future."

Tyler Rigsby, a senior management information systems major, said he attended the event because he is seeking connections for job opportunities.

"I graduate in the spring, so it's important for me to build these connections so that I can be prepared for my career," Rigsby said. "It's very beneficial for Marshall to have these events so students have an opportunity to be truly prepared for their futures. Not a lot of schools go out of their way to do that."

Marshall's Career Services offer multiple career outreach events throughout the year for students to engage with businesses all over the tri-state area, Brown said.

"Our goal is always to connect students with companies," Brown said. "A lot of times, students will leave the Career Expo with a job offer. To see that happen is very rewarding."

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Marshall University's Career Services sponsored the Career Expo on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in the Don Morris Room for students and community members to meet with local businesses.

Boss Babes aims to empower women in W.Va.

By **MEG KELLER**
THE PARTHENON

In a traditionally conservative state, one woman has chosen to defy the norm by creating an intersectional feminine and women empowerment organization.

One year ago, Charleston native Kayla Wilson-Young said she recognized there was a personal and communal need to support fellow women. She created Boss Babes, an organization dedicated to women's social empowerment. Wilson-Young said Boss Babes is the first of its kind in West Virginia with current chapters in Huntington, Charleston and Morgantown.

"My goal is to empower women and make people feel more comfortable in themselves and within their

community," Wilson-Young said.

She also said she wants women to feel a sense of social and civic responsibility.

Boss Babes encourages and supports the entrepreneurial development of those who identify with the "babe nomenclature," said Wilson-Young. They sponsor classes, workshops and panels as a way for women to network.

"It's a way for women to meet each other and grow together," Wilson-Young said.

She said she thinks the idea of traditional values and roles of women is unfortunate.

"Women are more than just some traditional value," Wilson-Young said. "We are our own people, and we have our own autonomy."

Wilson-Young said she feels it is important to recognize and celebrate intersectional feminism.

Jenny Brumfield, a senior accounting and finance major at Marshall University, said she agreed with the mission of Boss Babes.

"I was interested because I want to make a difference within my community and see a change in the attitudes of women," Brumfield said.

Brumfield said she feels it is important women know there are opportunities to support one another, and she encourages Marshall students to attend more of Boss Babes' events.

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Faith group aims to create safe space for LGBTQ+ students



A-SLAY-ing Grace intends to create a welcoming atmosphere for LGBTQ+ students. The group will meet again at 9 p.m. Nov. 12 in the LGBTQ+ Office located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

By JOELLE GATES
THE PARTHENON

A-SLAY-ing Grace invited LGBTQ+ students to join in a conversation surrounding faith and identity Oct. 8 in the LGBTQ+ Office.

The program, which began this semester, is sponsored by University Church, and it intends to create a welcoming atmosphere for LGBTQ+ students.

"The result of Christianity is to help people; this group is one way to help people," John Ross, a junior philosophy major, said. "[Our group] is basically an evangelism that doesn't seek to convert or condemn, but to outpour love."

Even though the group has just started, Rev. Chris Bailey, the campus minister for UKIRK, said he has been planning the program since his arrival at Marshall University last fall.

"One of my goals when I started at Marshall was to create a relationship with the LGBTQ+ Office," Bailey said. "I want to make sure that UKIRK was an open and affirming ministry for all students."

Upon his arrival, Bailey organized Queering Lent, an event aimed at LGBTQ students, and was introduced to Shaunte Polk, the sponsored program administrator of the LGBTQ+ Office. From there the two began to discuss ways they could link their offices.

"Based on conversations with the [LGBTQ+ Office], we found that issues of faith had come up during discussions at the office," Bailey said. "A-SLAY-ing Grace emerged as a more

intentional way to engage those kinds of conversations."

Bailey said coming to college is often a time when young adults begin to live authentically, so the group is aimed to provide guidance during this transitional period in their life.

"Many of the LGBTQ+ students I've met at Marshall have had bad experiences with the church, some with campus ministries at Marshall," Bailey said. "It's important to push back against those who are responsible for those experiences and engage them in ways that spurs dialogue and soul searching."

As UKIRK plans to bridge a connection with queer students, Ross said the group is establishing a faith based safe space for students by utilizing the LGBTQ+ Office for their meeting space.

"This isn't in the Campus Christian Center for a reason," Ross said. "The placement in a [safe space] was intentional."

While the group is aimed at LGBTQ+ students, Bailey said the group is open to all

and is welcoming of LGBTQ+ allies.

"It's important for allies to be present at Pride events as a representative of a community of faith," Bailey said. "Even if I'm not able to build a personal relationship with someone, hopefully my presence will show that resources that allow someone to affirm an identity of faith and their sexuality do exist."

A-SLAY-ing Grace will meet again at 9 p.m. Nov. 12 in the LGBTQ+ Office.

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MUPD offers self-defense class for women

By SAM PHILLIPS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Police Department is offering a women's self-defense course in the second 8 weeks of the fall semester, as well as in the upcoming spring semester.

The class will focus on teaching methods from the Rape Aggression Defense system. These methods primarily teach awareness and prevention, risk reduction and hands-on defense training.

"It's not necessarily about the physical techniques," Scott Ballou, a sergeant for MUPD and an instructor for the course, said. "It's about being aware, risk recognition and risk avoidance."

The class has been offered at Marshall since 1998, and it is part of a larger nationwide initiative, Ballou said.

"It's a very empowering class," Ballou said. "It's life-changing, it's educational, and it's fun."

After taking both this course and an advanced version of it, Rachel Sneeringer, a junior at Marshall, became a licensed instructor of R.A.D.

"The best part about it for me is being able to give other women the confidence I received from taking these courses," Sneeringer said. "I was teeming with confidence since taking this course. This course gave me wings."

Sneeringer said her mother was the person who convinced her to take the course, and at the time, she had no idea how much she would become involved with it. So, when the opportunity to become an instructor became an option, Sneeringer said she was the first person to sign up.

In addition to confidence, Sneeringer said the course helps to teach self-reliance in dangerous situations.

"I can rely on myself, and that's a huge confidence booster for me," Sneeringer said.

While the course is offered at dozens of universities nationwide, Sneeringer said she believes the course is important for Huntington residents especially.

"College students especially could be drinking and walking home, and someone could take advantage of that," Sneeringer said. "You really have to be aware, so why not prepare yourself?"

Those interested in the class may register online or contact Ballou at ballou1@marshall.edu. The class is offered Mondays and Wednesdays, either from 3 to 4:15 p.m. or 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. The course is worth one college credit, and the second 8 weeks course will start Oct. 15.

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SGA votes 'yes' on dress code during meetings



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SGA President Hunter Barclay discusses enforcing a dress code for future meetings with senate members.

By HANNAH GRAHAM
THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association approved a resolution by a unanimous vote after several amendments were made Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Memorial Student Center Shawkey Room.

The legislation would have the student sergeant at arms enforce a dress code for student senators, and it bans casual items of clothing such as ripped jeans, graphic t-shirts and cargo shorts.

"The reason we're discussing the dress code is because of the visitors who may be in here during these meetings," said Student Body President Hunter Barclay. "We could have Board of Governors members here, President Gilbert, Provost Taylor and a number of influential people. Students from Mountwest Community College will be here next week to see how our senate operates so that they may try to model some of our ideas. We want to look professional and put our best foot forward."

Sergeant at Arms James Prentice said this resolution was not meant to be predatory or strict.

"Ultimately, I'm not going to go out of my way to come after you," Prentice said. "This resolution

is just so that we have something in place to legitimize our Senate, and make it so we have a standard of professionalism."

If a student senator comes to an SGA meeting wearing the prohibited items, they are subject to a warning from the sergeant at arms. After the initial warning, the senator is subject to removal from that specific meeting. Students accused of noncompliance with the dress code are able to appeal the disciplinary actions. Despite this, several senators said they were worried about an abuse of power on the end of the enforcing body, the sergeant at arms.

"We're a student senate," Senator Brian Stein, one of the resolution's sponsors, said. "You don't see people in our United States Senate coming in with athletic shirts or hats on. This is simply about decorum."

Senators brought up certain concerns regarding legislative semantics and rhetorical implications of the resolution.

"We are running on this idea that we don't want Student Government to be a country club," Senator Jacob Gressang said. "Except, we're establishing a

dress code. We're saying 'Oh, you have to dress this way to come here,' but this runs counter to the idea of inclusivity we're promoting. If you are coming to meetings and giving it your all, I think you should be able to dress however you need to dress to be here."

Marshall University Vice President Hannah Petracca served as the presiding officer over the hour-long meeting.

"We have an important reputation to uphold," Petracca said. "A lot of other student governments look up to us. Mountwest Community College is coming here next week just to watch how we operate. That's something to be proud of. Don't take our status lightly. We need to work to maintain our professionalism and our progress."

Next Tuesday, Oct. 16, the Student Government Association will meet to follow up on the highly discussed House of Representatives bill. The meeting will be at 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Room and will be open for students and community members to attend.

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Indigenous Peoples Day celebration encourages cultural education and exploration

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day by singing, dancing and learning about native cultures and items Monday, Oct. 9, on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

"It's important to learn about different people and cultures because it enriches you as a person," Autumn Lee, president of Marshall's Native American Student Organization, said.

Lee, who is part of the Haudenosaunee people, said Indigenous Peoples Day is about celebrating native peoples' victory of continued existence throughout more than 500 years of disrespect and oppression.

Lee said people should learn about other cultures because it will not only encourage them to learn more about their own cultures, but hopefully other new people as well.

"If we don't take the time to learn about these things, it only brings out our ignorance regarding other cultures and leads us to be disrespectful," Lee said.

She said there are countless historical examples of native peoples' oppression, including the indigenous boarding schools in Canada and the United States, which have since been found to have amounted to attempted cultural genocide.

In these schools, Lee said, indigenous children were taken from their families and often abused, given new names, beaten and even raped or killed.

It is important for people to learn about indigenous peoples and cultures from reliable sources, such as those raised traditionally in native families, Lee said.

Karshara Spaulding, treasurer of Native American Student Organization and part of the Ojibwa-Cree people, said she too feels it is essential to learn about indigenous cultures from those living within them.

Spaulding said almost everyone believes in at least a few common misconceptions regarding indigenous peoples or their cultures.

"Our culture and history have been whitewashed," she said. "Halloween and other mid-thigh fake buckskin or similar costumes are so disrespectful to indigenous peoples."

While popularly depicted as sexual and more modern, traditional native wear includes a vastly different, long ribbon skirt and ribbon shirt called "regalia," Spaulding said.

Spaulding also spoke about the constant oppression faced by indigenous peoples throughout history and still today.

Under the current presidential administration, she said, native tribes are losing hundreds of acres of reservation spaces delegated to them under previous administrations, and not much is being done to prevent it.

"Additionally, for all other women, one in six will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives," Spaulding said. "With native women, the number is one in three."

Spaulding said she feels indigenous peoples, despite constant oppression and unfair treatment, are still not adequately recognized or heard by society.

"It's like we could go missing, and we would still just be ignored," she said.

Lee and Spaulding said they agreed it is essential people



President and treasurer of Marshall's Native American Student Organization, Autumn Lee and Karshara Spaulding, displayed native cultural items and spoke of their meanings and traditions to interested students.

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educate themselves about cultures other than their own, furthering their understandings of people, the world and what is right and wrong.

"One thing I want people to understand about our culture is we are happy and peaceful people," Lee said.

She said throughout the Standing Rock and Dakota Access Pipeline and similar protests, native people did not use guns or weapons, but instead fought back with music, medicine and other forms of peaceful dissent.

"It's a common misconception we're just some blood-thirsty, savage, scalping Indians, and that is not who we are at all," Lee said. "We fight back with love, not hate."

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Free depression screenings in Harris Hall

STAFF REPORT

Marshall University's Psychology Clinic will participate in National Depression Screening Day by offering free depression screenings to Marshall students and the Huntington community.

The depression screenings will be performed by Marshall graduate students in the clinical psychology program at Marshall's Psychology Clinic in Harris Hall room 449 Thursday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. All screenings will be done by walk-in basis only, with no appointment necessary.

This is the fourth year that the Psychology Clinic has taken part in the nationwide

screening event.

"We have served on average about 30 people each year so far, providing screenings and information regarding local treatment resources," Brittany Canady, an assistant professor at Marshall, said. "We want to encourage Marshall students to take advantage of this opportunity."

National Depression Screening Day occurs each year in order to raise awareness about depression and encourage people to be screened for this condition. There will be sites throughout the country offering free depression screenings for anyone interested in being screened.

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Herd football's second half collapse leads to first conference loss of season

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
THE PARTHENON

Middle Tennessee's football team scored 24 unanswered second half points Friday in Marshall's 34-24 loss at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

With the win, MTSU improved to 3-2 (2-0 Conference USA) and collected its first-ever win at Marshall. The Herd's record moved to 3-2 (1-1 C-USA).

Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said he looks to see the team get better.

"We have got to get better as a team in all phases," Holliday said. "We felt we ran the ball pretty well against this team a year ago and we did again today. We have got to be able to throw the ball a little better and make more plays on both sides."

MTSU took an 3-0 lead in the first quarter off a 34-yard field goal by redshirt sophomore kicker Crews Holt.

In the second quarter, MTSU's redshirt senior quarterback Brent Stockstill fumbled as a result of a sack. The ball was recovered by Marshall redshirt senior linebacker Frankie Hernandez.

Marshall then drove down the field using nine plays before redshirt junior kicker Justin Rohrwasser kicked a 33-yard field goal and tied the score at 3 with 2:14 left in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Marshall redshirt senior running back Anthony Anderson gave the Herd its first lead of the game with a one-yard run into the end zone. After the extra point, Marshall led 10-3.

MTSU responded, though, off a touchdown of its own with 1:09 remaining in the first half. Stockstill's five-yard touchdown run, followed by a Holt extra point, tied the game at 10.



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Marshall redshirt junior quarterback Alex Thomson prepares to take a snap under-center against MTSU in Saturday's home loss—his first game for the Herd.

Holliday credits Stockstill for his competitiveness.

"(Stockstill) is the most competitive (and) maybe the best quarterback in our league," Holliday said. "He wills himself to win. Some of the throws that kid made in the second half were just unbelievable. He just made more plays than we did."

Marshall quickly answered MTSU's tie late in the first half. The Herd produced an eight-play, 66-yard touchdown drive to take the lead. The 54-second drive was capped by redshirt junior tight end Armani Levias' 11-yard reception in the end zone. After the extra point, Marshall took a 17-10 lead into halftime.

In the second half, MTSU made adjustments on both sides of the ball and outscored the Herd 24-7 on its way to a 10-point victory.

"We just couldn't click," redshirt sophomore running back Tyler King said. "We just weren't on tonight and we fell short. We took that loss as a team."

In the third quarter, MTSU tied the game at 17 when redshirt senior wide receiver Patrick Smith caught a two-yard touchdown pass from Stockstill. Marshall's ensuing drive resulted in a fourth down punt that was eventually costly for the Herd. The punt led to an MTSU scoring drive featuring an 8-yard touchdown run by senior running back Tavares Thomas. MTSU established a 34-17 lead.

MTSU cushioned its lead with another Thomas touchdown. The touchdown was a result of Stockstill's 18-yard passing touchdown and after Holt's extra point, MTSU established a 31-17 lead. MTSU capped its 24-0 run with a field goal that gave the Blue Raiders a 34-17 lead—its largest of the game.

Marshall attempted a comeback, though, as junior wide receiver Obi Obialo scored on a 10-yard touchdown reception from Thomson in the fourth quarter. The Herd cut MTSU's lead to 10 but it wasn't enough.

"I wish (my touchdown) could have been more to help the team, but I am glad I finally got my first touchdown," Obialo said. "We are going to go back to the drawing board and prepare for ODU."

Despite the loss, Marshall's redshirt sophomore running back Tyler King rushed for a career-high of 165 yards and surpassed his previous record of 129 yards in last season's matchup against Middle Tennessee.

The Herd will travel to ODU next week for its 3:30 p.m. matchup against the Monarchs.

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Tramel resigns after six seasons as Thundering Herd swimming and diving coach

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
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Marshall's head swimming and diving coach, Bill Tramel resigned from his position Monday.

"I want to thank everyone in the Marshall University Athletics family for their friendship and support during my time in Huntington," Tramel said in a press release. "I will always cheer for the Thundering Herd and that is part of what makes this the hardest decision I've ever had to make but it's clear that my priorities need to be with my family right now. We are very proud of what we accomplished over the past six years."

During his time at Marshall, his team was an NCAA Championship participant during the 2016-2017 season

for the first time in since. In the last three years, Marshall has finished third in the Conference USA tournament.

Academically, the program earned Scholar All-America team honors for 12 consecutive semesters and, last May, was recognized by the NCAA for having an outstanding Academic Progress Rate (APR) that ranked in the top 10 percent nationally. The program, which consistently ranked in the top 25 nationally for team GPA which included a fourth-place ranking in 2015-16 (3.68), stood alone among the league's aquatic programs and was one of just 34 nationally to reach the standard.

Catherine Bendziewicz and Jordyn O'Dell were named College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of

America's (CSCAA) Scholar All-America Team following the 2017-2018 season.

"While the timing is unfortunate for our student-athletes, we respect and support the decision Bill has made to take care of his family," Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said in a press release. "Our swimming and diving program has been successful in recent years and we appreciate Bill's leadership. We will work quickly to identify a new head coach who shares the same commitment to excellence."

The Herd opens its season at home Friday at the West Virginia Games.

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Grading the Herd's week six performance

STAFF REPORT

OFFENSE: C-

Tyler King had a career night out of the backfield, totaling 165 yards on 27 carries for an average of 6.1 yards per rush. Anthony Anderson added a season-high 77 yards and a touchdown for Marshall, which totaled over 200 rushing yards for the first time this season. Alex Thomson had an average day in his first-career start with 173 passing yards and a pair of touchdowns. Despite all this, the Herd turned the ball over three times, which Middle Tennessee turned into 14 points. Thomson was also sacked six times, and while some of those sacks can be attributed to holding onto the ball too long, the offensive line and backs also have to do a better job in pass protection on blitzes.

DEFENSE: C-

Marshall's defense can be described as a tale of two halves. The Herd limited Middle Tennessee to 10 points in the first half, forcing constant pressure on quarterback Brent Stockstill and recovering a fumble that was converted into a field goal. Marshall's second half defense, on the other hand, was abysmal. Stockstill had plenty of time to throw, the Herd forced no turnovers in the half and Middle Tennessee scored on each of its four second half drives. For those who think it gets easier: the Herd's next opponent, Old Dominion, raked up 508 yards of offense on defending conference champion Florida Atlantic.

SPECIAL TEAMS: C+

Robert LeFevre averaged 47.3 yards per punt with a long of 60. That's the good side of the special teams unit. The bad side? LeFevre also shanked a punt in the fourth quarter and Justin Rohrwasser missed a field goal on the Herd's first drive of the third quarter. Both errors turned into Middle Tennessee touchdowns.



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Brazilian goalkeeper makes smooth transition to Division I soccer

By **ABBI PRITCHARD**
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From Sao Paulo, Brazil, with a stop in Charleston, West Virginia, goalkeeper Paulo Pita found his new home with Marshall men's soccer, and he has started all of its matches this season.

Pita is a native of Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he said soccer means everything. "Soccer is such a big thing in Brazil," Pita said. "I had the opportunity to play at the highest level there, but in Brazil, we don't get the chance to go to school and play soccer, as well."

At the age of 19, he said he wanted to pursue a degree while getting to play the sport he loves. Pita then headed to the University of Charleston where he played soccer from 2016 to 2017. Approximately 5,000 miles away from home, Pita is making the most of his time in the United States.

The redshirt junior joined the Thundering Herd fresh off two-straight Division II national championship appearances with the Charleston Golden Eagles men's soccer team in 2016 and 2017.

"Going to Charleston was really good for me," Pita said. "Because now I walk on this field, I walk around Marshall, on campus every single day, and I see how big this opportunity is for me."

Pita finished the 2016 season with an 8-0-2 record, made 30 saves and allowed

six goals in 895 minutes-played. Pita had a 0.60 goal-against average and a .833 save percentage, and the team was runner-up in the 2016 Division II national champion runner-up. He was the main starter in goal for the Division II national champion Eagles in 2017 with 2,100 minutes in net and a record of 20-1-2. He also recorded 16 shutouts, allowed eight goals on 52 saves and featured a 0.34 goals-against average and a .867 save percentage.

"(Paulo) got to a certain level during 2016 for me, and he's kind of maintained that level," Marshall head coach Chris Grassie said.

Even though Pita has not been a part of Marshall men's soccer for long, he has made an immediate impact for the Thundering Herd.

"I think it is that presence, and he does the simple things well," Grassie said. "He can also make the game-changing saves, and he gives the confidence to the staff and the players—knowing that he is always going to look after them."

This season, Pita has 1,042 minutes and started all 11 matches as goalkeeper of the Thundering Herd. In that time, Pita has recorded 35 saves and a .700 save percentage along with a 1.32 goals-against average. Pita has recorded shutouts this season against Duquesne, Ohio State, Dayton and Purdue Fort Wayne.

Grassie was a familiar face when he

welcomed Pita to Marshall. Pita played under Grassie during his freshman season at the University of Charleston and he was a key factor in Pita's decision to come to Marshall.

"I feel really comfortable playing for (Grassie)," Pita said. "I feel like I've never changed schools."

Grassie said he is also happy to have Pita on his 2018 squad.

"He is very reassuring to have, he's a very good goalkeeper and player," Grassie said. "I feel very steady with him there."

Along with the familiar face of Grassie, Pita was drawn into Marshall because of the higher competition at the Division I level.

"I feel like they make sure they get everything we need to do well, to perform well," Pita said. "Even though the University of Charleston was a high level of soccer, I feel like the (Conference USA) itself is higher and harder, as well."

When he is not on the pitch, Pita is in the classroom teaching younger athletes how to better their skills in the net and getting as much rest as he can.

"I go to school every day, go to work and help teach kids the game of soccer," Pita said. "When I am on the field, I am trying to give 100 percent of myself."

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Herd football travels to Virginia for C-USA showdown against ODU

By **MORGAN GRIFFITH**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University football team (3-2, 1-1 Conference USA) looks to add a second conference win Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Old Dominion University (1-5, 0-3 C-USA) in Norfolk, Virginia.

"(ODU is) a dangerous team that we have to do a great job of going in there and being prepared to play," Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said. "I know our team's anxious to go down there and play well."

This will be the fifth meeting between the two teams, and Marshall has a 3-1 advantage. Marshall defeated ODU last year in Huntington, 35-3. Both teams are coming off losses from last week.

Last month, the Monarchs beat then-No. 13 Virginia Tech—their only win of the season. ODU's offense is led by junior

quarterback Blake LaRussa, who completed 39-of-51 passes for 390 yards and threw for two touchdowns and two interceptions last week against Florida Atlantic University. It was his second-career 300-yard game, according to ODU's game notes.

LaRussa has help from junior running back Kesean Strong, who had 21 carries for 99 yards and four touchdowns last week—all career-highs. The Monarchs also have strength at receiver, with senior Jonathan Duhart registering his fifth-straight 100-yard receiving game. Duhart is fourth in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) with 117.7 receiving yards per game. Another receiver to watch will be senior Travis Fulgham, who notched his career-best 10 receptions, gaining 151 yards and a touchdown against FAU.

On the defensive side of the ball, the

Monarchs have senior defensive end Oshane Ximines, who had four tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack last week. Ximines is second among active FBS players with 28.5 sacks, and holds the ODU single-season and career sack record. The defense also has sophomore linebacker Lawrence Garner who has a Conference USA-best 69 tackles—which is 10th in the FBS.

For the Herd, junior quarterback Alex Thomson made his first career start last weekend versus Middle Tennessee State University in place of redshirt freshman Isaiah Green. During his first start, Thomson completed 17-of-34 passes and threw for 173 yards and two touchdowns.

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EDITORIAL
Fulfill the American right: go vote

Nancy McCullough, of Reston, Va., looks out the center of a letter "o" as she and other members of the group, Herndon Reston Indivisible, hold up letters spelling "vote them out" during a protest of the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, outside of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

The past two years have left the American people wondering how we got in this situation. The simple truth: we didn't show up to vote.

According to statistics collected by the U.S. Elections Project, only 58 percent of eligible voters showed up to the polls for the 2016 general election.

In that same study, West Virginia's voting-eligible population turnout for the 2016 general election was 50.2 percent.

50 percent of West Virginians threw away their American right; therefore, they diminished their voice. Voting is one of the only ways for a normal, everyday citizen to give their opinion. West Virginians need to use their voices. We need fair and accurate representation. We need to elect officials who want to fight for our rights and fight for our state.

Although college students are

more vocal about today's political climate, voting when one is hours and sometimes states away from their home precinct makes voting more difficult. But realistically, it is simple and easy to send in an absentee ballot. By going to vote.org, one can easily request and absentee ballot.

In Cabell County, college students also have the option of registering to vote using their school address and voting either during the Early Voting period or at local precinct on Election Day, Nov. 6. To do this, one must update their voter registration and register in Cabell County.

On Aug. 1, the Associated Press reported that nearly 67,000 new voters are registered for this fall's midterm election in West Virginia. During this year's primary, 26 percent of West Virginia's 1.2 million register voters went out and

voted according to West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

So what does this say about us as a state? Do we care about our politicians passing legislation that ultimately hurts us? Or would we rather continue to stay in the shadows of American government.

Over the weekend, Saturday Night Live's cold open mentioned Joe Manchin in a negative light. West Virginia is constantly painted in a bad light when we have so many rich opportunities to offer the country.

We elected politicians in hopes that they will represent us fairly, not make us a punchline.

The deadline to register to vote in West Virginia is Oct. 16, but it varies state to state. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 31, and must be mailed or hand delivered by Nov. 5.

LET ME BE FRANK: ON PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES

By **FRANKLIN NORTON**
MANAGING EDITOR

Pumpkin spice and possibility—the anthem of Fall. It was three years ago when I ordered my first Pumpkin Spice Latte. When the barista called out my name, “pumpkin spice latte for Franklin,” I crept up to the counter, feeling guilty. People make fun of these things on the internet. Somehow in the delusion of my mind, everyone in the Starbucks stared at me in disbelief, questioning my taste, questioning my manhood. But it was good. So good. It tasted like Fall, like a warm blanket on a crisp day spent apple picking and a jumping in the leaves.

People love Fall—they love football games and crewnecks, red leaves and hot chocolate. But I think our society’s love and longing for the Fall months is about more than pumpkin spice. There’s this nostalgic, warm feeling that comes as the months get colder. As the leaves begin to fall off the trees, after a flash of bright colors—their own grand finale—I think we are reminded of how precious time is.

“But when fall comes, kicking summer out on its treacherous ass as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed,” writes Stephen King. “It settles in the way an old friend will settle into your favorite chair and take out his pipe and light it and then fill the afternoon with stories of places he has been and things he has done since last he saw you.”

There is this feeling in our souls, this feeling that that tells us life moves on. We reflect and consider our lives in a different context. Suddenly, it’s the simple things in life that seem the most important: quality time with loved ones, romance, baking pies and visiting pumpkin patches. It is this season reminds us, in the words of Robert Frost, that nothing gold can stay.

So enjoy those pumpkin spice lattes and hay rides and scary movie marathons. This is a season of settling in, prioritizing, and possibility.

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FRANKLIN NORTON | MANAGING EDITOR

Working-class, grassroots-focused candidates are revolutionizing American politics

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
THE PARTHENON

Richard Ojeda, a member of the West Virginia State Senate and retired United States Army officer, connects WV conservatives and liberals by passionately fighting for working-class progressive issues like getting money out of politics, worker unionization, single-payer healthcare, affordable education, a living minimum wage, and decriminalization of marijuana.

Ojeda, who is running for a seat in the United States House of Representatives in WV’s third district, is one of a handful of WV politicians who refuse to take corporate donations in favor of running grassroots energized and funded campaigns.

In the 2016 presidential election, Ojeda voted for Trump over Clinton, having been one of millions of conflicted Sanders’ supporters following his primary loss amidst controversy of rigging and bias on behalf of the Clinton campaign, the Democratic National Committee and several mainstream media outlets.

During a recent town hall, Ojeda said he was inspired to run for office after retiring from the U.S. military.

“I retired from the U.S. Military and returned home to find kids in my own backyard have it worse than the kids I saw in war,” Ojeda said.

War-torn communities he witnessed in Iraq and Afghanistan were filled with suffering children and families as well, he said, but almost all children had a parent dedicated entirely to raising them properly. In WV, he said, many kids must be cared for by their grandparents or other child care facilities because so many parents and families are hope-

lessly addicted to drugs.

“This is not the best we can do,” Ojeda said. “Our so-called leaders have all been asleep while they should have been helping their constituents.”

In a time when far too many people are voting and basing their opinions on party affiliation and partisan divisions seem more tense than ever, candidates like Ojeda, who connect voters from all areas of the political spectrum, are more revolutionary than ever.

A major feature of these candidates is their rejection of corporate donations and bribes, liberating them to be genuine, passionate representatives of their constituency of American people.

The down-to-earth qualities of these candidates are proving to be far more preferred by the American people than the traditional, calculated careerist politician image.

Upon winning the WV democratic primary for U.S. House, Ojeda gained more votes than all four republican candidates combined.

Today, both on a national and state level, politicians who take corporate donations and speak in a calculated, plastic and robotic tone are viewed by voters as representing establishment interests, while progressives who reject big money donations and run grassroots campaigns have started a revolutionary wave.

Only a few years ago— and likely still today, as progressive anti-establishment politicians across the country are gaining momentum and winning elections— political strategists and careerist officials would have dismissed such candidates as pie-in-the-sky dreamers. Progressive fighters for the working-class across the country are prov-

ing them wrong.

During a time when over half of all Americans are struggling to make ends meet and CEOs make more than 350 times the salary of their average worker, Ojeda and similar candidates are revolutionizing the American political scene, bringing together working-class conservatives and liberals alike to demand representation for all people and workers, not only the wealthy few.

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Marshall men's soccer soars over Purdue Fort Wayne



SYDNEY SHELTON | THE PARTHENON

Marshall forward Jamil Roberts attempts to play the ball past a defender.

By SYDNEY SHELTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University men's soccer rolled over Purdue Fort Wayne 3-0 Tuesday at Hoops Family Field.

The Herd moved to a win-loss record 4-5-2 (1-1-1 C-USA), while the Mastodons fell to a win-loss record of 6-6-1 (0-2-0 Summit League).

"That is the best 20 minutes we have had," Marshall head coach Chris Grassie said. "We killed them in the first 20 minutes with pressure. We moved the ball quickly and with purpose."

The Herd jumped out to a 1-0 lead with a header off a deep pass from the right of the box by sophomore Jamil Roberts in the seventeenth minute. Freshman defender Jan-Erik Leinhos was credited with the assist.

Marshall continued to pull away from the Mastodons on an unassisted goal by sophomore forward JP Rylah. His first shot was deflected by the goalkeeper, and he put in the rebound from the left side. The goal marked Rylah's third of the season.

Sophomore midfielder Pedro Dolabella extended the lead to 3-0, just six seconds before halftime with a header to the left side of the goal. It was Dolabella's first

goal of the season. Leinhos was credited with an assist off a pass from the right side of the field.

"Our defense has been very strong with Paulo Pita in the back, and it's nice to have Chris Taibi back," Grassie said. "He is such a huge presence for us, and he rarely ever gets beat. He is another good defender to put in there."

Purdue Fort Wayne had five shots on goal but all were deflected by redshirt junior goalkeeper Paulo Pita.

"It is a team thing," Grassie said. "You cannot just have a backfield and a goal keeper, you have to have a whole team."

Purdue Fort Wayne's freshman goalie Tor Erik Larsen had seven saves.

Marshall will travel to Lexington, Kentucky, Saturday at 7 p.m. against the University of Kentucky. The Wildcats are ranked fifth in the country.

"Kentucky is a team that doesn't make many mistakes" Grassie said. "I think that we can play with them, we can possess the ball and create chances. We just have to make sure we are focused for 90 minutes. If we can focus we can come away with the victory."

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Thomson played for Wagner College last season, where his season ended because of a shoulder injury suffered during the second game of the season. Thomson said players shouldn't take playing football for granted.

"It's a blessing, people don't understand how much pain I went through not being able to play last year," Thomson said. "I told my teammates don't take anything for granted because you never know when it's going to be your last play of the season."

Thomson has help from sophomore running back Tyler King, who set career-highs last weekend in carries (27) and rushing yards (165). It was also his fifth-career 100-yard rushing game.

The Herd also has redshirt senior Tyre Brady who ranks 25th in the nation in receptions per game (6.4) and is tied for 27th in the nation with five touchdown receptions.

The Herd's defense has not allowed a first-quarter touchdown in eight consecutive games. The defense has also recorded 17 quarterback sacks through five games. Redshirt freshman defensive end Darius Hodge recorded his first sack of his collegiate career last weekend. In the same game, redshirt senior defensive end Juwon Young recorded his first strip-sack of the season.

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65th Annual Fire Parade takes over Fourth Avenue, brings awareness to fire safety

By **LILLIE BODIE**
THE PARTHENON

Children's faces lit up to the bright lights and loud sirens of fire trucks Oct. 8, at the annual Fire Prevention Parade in downtown Huntington.

The Fire Parade is celebrating its 65th year marching down Fourth Avenue with local fire departments and schools to raise awareness about fire safety and hazards. Families and children covered the sidewalks to cheer on their classmates and run for candy as participants tossed bubble gum and other treats to the crowd.

Chrissy Harris of Huntington said she joined the crowd with her six-year-old daughter to take part in the Huntington tradition her daughter loves.

"I've been coming to the Fire Parade every year for as long as I can remember," Harris said. "And I enjoy now being able to bring my

daughter and seeing her face light up at all the performances and candy thrown at her."

Harris said the event acts as a method to unite the Huntington community through law and safety recognition.

"It's a good community event that brings people together and helps with the relationship that the community has with the fire and police department and emergency responders," Harris said.

Computer science major and junior at Marshall University, Trevor Ellis, said the Fire Parade brings him nostalgia, and he now goes to support his sister.

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**Read the full story online at
marshallparthenon.com**



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Fire trucks from local stations drive through Fourth Avenue during the 65th Annual Fire Parade.

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The Barenaked Ladies comes to Keith Albee Theatre, kicking-off fall season of the Marshall Artists Series

By **LILLIE BODIE**
THE PARTHENON

The Barenaked Ladies will perform at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m., beginning the fall season of the Marshall Artists Series. Going into their thirtieth year performing, the Canadian rock band has won several JUNO awards and have sold 14 million albums.

Angela Jones, director of the Marshall Artists Series, said the band seemed like a great fit to kick off their 82nd season because of the band's diversity and energy they bring to their performances.

"The Barenaked Ladies are a fun, party band, and they like to blend different styles of music together like rock and hip-hop," Jones said. "They like to have a lot of fun. It's going to be a really neat, fun concert with music that people are familiar with. And it's a great season opener show."

Jones said the Marshall Artists Series gives Marshall University students the

opportunity to expand their knowledge of music and art for free or reduced costs.

"This is a good way to expose yourself to cultural entertainment that you may not have had the chance to be exposed to before, with little to no cost," Jones said.

The Marshall Artists Series offers students an opportunity to be entertained while being educated, Jones said. There are a variety of events throughout the season from music, comedy, drama, Broadway plays, ballets and operas.

"It's a good feather in the cap for Marshall University to have an organization this age of 82 years old," Jones said. "We're the second oldest organization of our kind in the United States. And it's a really great thing for students to take advantage of while they are here on campus."

Regan Thomas, senior psychology major, said her love for The Barenaked Ladies stemmed from a young age and established her attraction for rock music.

"My mom used to blast their album 'Stunt' in the car when I was growing up," Thomas said. "I distinctly remember listening to the song 'One Week' and loving it. And this is when I began to love alternative rock."

Thomas said she is excited because not only is their performance about the music, but The Barenaked Ladies also entertain the crowd, with jokes and audience engagement.

"I'm excited to see them live because they don't just get up onstage and sing their songs," Thomas said. "They put on a performance. If you see the Barenaked Ladies in concert you're in for comedy, covers and impromptu rap battles in between sets. It seems like it's going to be really fun."

Thomas said she enjoys the Marshall Artists series because it gives her the chance to delve into the different mediums of art.

"The Marshall Artists Series is such a great thing to have in a place like Huntington, with all the varieties of art," Thomas

said. "And I think some people have the tendency to look at art through a narrow lens, and this opens the scope to the many forms creativity can take and manifest."

Tickets for The Barenaked Ladies are still on sale for students at \$10 and the public starting at \$76.49. Tickets can be picked up at the Marshall Artist Series Box Office connected to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, which is open Monday through Friday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. If tickets are not purchased prior, tickets can be purchased at the Keith Albee.

Students must have student ID when purchasing the ticket and at the front door of the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center when arriving for the show.

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